

## ADOPTION COPY

## RESOLUTION NO. 05-084

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE LITTLE LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROPOSING A QUALIFIED SPECIAL TAX AND  
ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER

WHEREAS, the Little Lake City School District ("District") has been forced to eliminate and curtail essential education services and risks losing experienced teachers due to inadequate funding from the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, increased revenues are necessary to continue meeting the students' basic educational needs by keeping the District's most experienced and qualified teachers in the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has engaged in a variety of efforts to generate funds for the District to meet its educational goals, including lobbying in the State Legislature, local fundraising efforts, and cost-cutting measures, but these efforts have not produced sufficient revenues to support teachers' salaries, and maintain valued instructional programs that provide children with a well-rounded education; and

WHEREAS, funding from the State of California (the "State") has not been adequate to meet these goals, and the District has no assurance that State funding will in the future permit the District to meet these goals; and

WHEREAS, funding from the Federal Government does not constitute a significant portion of the District's budget and is insufficient to meet these goals, and the District has no assurance that Federal funding will in the future permit the District to meet these goals; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 50079 authorizes a school district, upon approval of two-thirds of the electorate voting on the measure, to levy a qualified special tax for specified purposes following notice and public hearing; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that requesting support for a qualified special tax is necessary to provide an adequate educational opportunity for the students of this District.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

1. This Board hereby finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

2. This Board hereby proposes to adopt a qualified special tax for the following specific purposes:

(a) Maintaining health services to students;

(b) Maintaining small class sizes and retaining high quality teachers;  
and

(c) Maintaining safe, clean campuses.

3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 50075.1 the Board determines that the proceeds of the parcel tax shall only be applied to the purposes stated above.

4. Upon approval of two-thirds of those voting on the measure, a qualified special tax of \$145 per year on each parcel of taxable land in the District in each year for a period of seven years, provided, that property owners 65 years of age or older may apply for an exemption if they occupy said parcel.

A parcel shall be defined as any unit of land in the District which receives a separate tax bill from the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office. All property which would otherwise be exempt from property taxes will also be exempt from the imposition of said special tax.

5. This Board hereby requests that the Los Angeles County Clerk (the "County Clerk") to submit to the voters of this District on March 8, 2005 the following ballot measure:

"To attract and retain experienced, qualified teachers, support small class sizes, maintain health services to students, and maintain safe, clean campuses, shall Little Lake City Elementary School District annually collect a \$145/taxable parcel tax for seven years, with all funds staying in local schools, independent community oversight of all expenditures, exemptions for those 65 years and older, an annual cost of living adjustment and no funds for administrators' salaries?"

This Board also directs the Los Angeles County Clerk to submit the Full Text of the measure, as set forth in Exhibit A to the voters of the District on March 8, 2005.



6. That the authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in Sections 5304 and 5322 of the California Education Code and Section 50079 of the California Government Code.

7. That this Resolution shall stand as the order to the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools to call an election within the boundaries of the District on March 8, 2005.

8. That the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed immediately upon adoption to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools.

9. That the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters and the Clerk of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors no later than December 9, 2004.

10. That the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools is hereby requested to deliver this Resolution, which constitutes the order of election, and a formal notice of the election to the Los Angeles County Clerk and Registrar of Voters no later than December 9, 2004.

11. That this Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass be made by any body or official authorized by law to canvass the returns of the election; and, that this Board consents to such consolidation.

12. The Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools is hereby requested to call the election by causing notice of election to be posted in accordance with Section 5362 of the Education Code, or to otherwise cause the notice to be published as permitted by law. The Clerk of this Board, on behalf of the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools, is authorized to cause all notices required by law in connection herewith to be published and posted, as the case may be.

13. The Clerk of this Board of Trustees is ordered and directed to cause all notices required by law in connection herewith to be published and posted, as the case may be.

14. The Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County is authorized to canvass the returns of the election pursuant to Section 10411 of the Elections Code.

15. Pursuant to Section 5303 of the Education Code, the County Clerk is requested to take all steps to hold the election in accordance with law and these specifications.

16. Subject to two-thirds approval of the voters, the qualified special tax shall be collected by the Los Angeles County Tax Collector at the same time and manner and shall be subject to the same penalties as ad valorem property taxes collected by the tax collector. The tax shall bear interest at the same rate for unpaid ad valorem property taxes until paid.

17. The collection of the qualified special tax provided for herein shall not decrease funds available from other sources of the District in any period from the effective date hereof.

18. The Board shall provide in each year (pursuant to Section 7902.1 of the Government Code) for any increase in the District's appropriations limit as shall be necessary to ensure that proceeds of the qualified special tax may be spent for the authorized purposes.

19. The members of the Board are hereby authorized, but not directed, to prepare and file with the Los Angeles County Clerk a ballot argument in favor of the proposition contained in Section 5 hereof, within the time established by the Los Angeles County Clerk.

20. Subject to two-thirds voter approval and prior to adoption of a resolution levying the qualified special tax in any given year, this Board shall conduct a public hearing on the matter. Notice of the time, date, and place of hearing shall be published pursuant to California Government Code Section 6061 posted at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, posting shall commence at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing. Following said hearing this Board may adopt a resolution fixing the amount of tax to be raised and the rates for each type of property. Any tax levied shall become a lien upon the properties against which taxes are assessed and collectible.

21. Pursuant to Government Code Section 50075.1(c) the District shall create a designated account into which the proceeds of the tax shall be deposited.

22. This Board shall, pursuant to Government Code Section 50075.3 file an annual report as provided therein accounting for the parcel tax revenues collected and the manner in which they have been spent. To insure additional accountability, an independent community oversight committee shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees to oversee all expenditures funded by the measure to ensure that said funds are spent wisely and used only for purposes approved by the voters.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Little Lake City School District on the 30th day of November 2004 by the following vote:

AYES 3 AND IN FAVOR OF NOES 0 AND AGAINST SAID

## RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 05-084Proposing a Qualified SpecialTax and Establishing Specificationsof the Election Order.

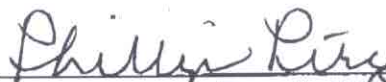
ABSTAIN:

## RESOLUTION

ABSENT:

Audrey Lynn BergHilda Zamora

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Trustees



President, Board of Trustees